

BERTRAND CHAFFEE HOSPITAL  
IMAGING DEPARTMENT

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PATIENTS ON GLUCOPHAGE

If you are taking Glucophage (Metformin) and are having a contrast injection for an Imaging study, you need to make some changes for 2 days.

Glucophage patients may experience a very rare reaction to x-ray contrast medication (dye). The likelihood of experiencing this reaction may be decreased by stopping Glucophage for 48 hours after contrast injection. You may take your pill the morning of the x-ray injection. (If you have decreased kidney function, you should stop taking Glucophage the day before your x-ray visit.)

You may return to your usual dose after skipping 2 days. It is recommended by the manufacturer of Glucophage that you not resume using the medications until a blood test has shown that there has been no change in your kidney function. Please contact your doctor to arrange this test.

You will have to make some arrangements for controlling your diabetes for the 48 hours after your x-ray. Often this can be done with dietary control. Please discuss this with your referring doctor, physician's assistant, or nurse practitioner.